

Joshua and the fall of Jericho *Joshua 6:1-20*

Despite the fact that God had done a great and wonderful thing in rescuing them from Egypt, the Israelites moaned and groaned and did not do as God commanded them. As a result, he decided that none of the people who had come from Egypt could enter the promised land! 40 years later (!?), after Moses had died, God called Joshua to lead his people into the land. They had already experienced another miracle as God stopped the waters of the Jordan River so they could cross, now they had to trust God to give them the towns of the land.

Watch the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AllaJr1kds>

Or here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruqGz1480uc>

1. Our tenth decoration for the Jesse Tree

God showed his power to Joshua and the Israelites because the walls of Jericho fell down when they shouted and the priests blew their horns. Our tenth decoration is a horn – or shofar as it was known in Joshua's day.

Decorate a piece of A4 paper. You might want to write some words on it, eg. "God keeps his promises" or the words of Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Put it inside a plastic wallet and seal the top with clear sticky tape or laminate it if you have a laminator. Roll it into a cone shape, making sure it's quite narrow at one end. Secure it with sticky tape so it doesn't unravel

If you have any party blowers, get one and separate the plastic blower bit from the paper.

Stick the cone to the blower, making sure there are no air gaps. Tie some cord around the mouthpiece and secure it in the end of the horn.

Hang it on the Jesse Tree and apologise to your parents for the amount of noise you're making!



2. Do your sums and crack the code

Work out the number that represents each letter and crack the code on the other page.

3. Make a Jericho model

If you like making things and playing with models this activity is for you.

Make the walls of Jericho – these went all the way round the city. You can make these out of paper, or bricks or Lego, whatever you want. Then make the people. Draw them on card and then make them stand on pieces of plasticine so you can move them around and make them stand, or make the people out of plasticine, or use any toy models you have.

You will need: 7 priests with trumpets or horns, 4 priests carrying the ark of the covenant (see Exodus 25: 10-22) on poles, all the Israelites



Then act it out – once round the city, quietly every day for 6 days, and then 7 times round on the 7th day with all the horns blaring and then lastly a loud shout from all the people!

And the walls came tumbling down!



Decode the message to work out how the walls fell down!

- A.** $(3 \times 4) + 2 =$
- C.** $(6 \times 8) + 2 =$
- D.** $(4 \times 9) + 7 =$
- E.** $(9 \times 9) + 9 =$
- G.** $(7 \times 3) + 4 =$
- H.** $(5 \times 6) + 4 =$
- I.** $(8 \times 5) + 7 =$
- K.** $(6 \times 7) + 9 =$
- L.** $(2 \times 5) + 1 =$
- M.** $(3 \times 9) + 4 =$
- N.** $(8 \times 9) + 3 =$
- O.** $(4 \times 4) + 2 =$
- P.** $(7 \times 5) + 4 =$
- R.** $(9 \times 9) + 4 =$
- S.** $(2 \times 7) + 7 =$
- T.** $(8 \times 8) + 3 =$
- U.** $(9 \times 6) + 2 =$
- V.** $(4 \times 2) + 2 =$
- W.** $(7 \times 6) + 3 =$
- Y.** $(4 \times 6) + 5 =$

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